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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$8,168,062.50  
RESERVE FUND, \$3,482,127.20  
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**COURT OF DIRECTORS.**  
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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " " "

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On all bills drawn on approved securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Credits granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

**THOMAS JACKSON,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 23, 1890. 303

### NOTICE.

#### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked "Hongkong Savings Bank" and is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
**THOMAS JACKSON,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 764

### THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

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Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " " "  
" 3 " 3 " " " "  
On CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

**E. W. BUTLER,**  
Manager.  
Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

## Intimations.

### CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE** Twenty-Fourth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 11th Proximo, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th Instant to the 11th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**W. H. RAY,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 19, 1890. 1465



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English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware. Christie & Co.'s Electro-Plated Ware. GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

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**DIAMOND JEWELLERY,**  
A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

### NOTICE.

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**SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS** are respectfully informed that if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-Signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

**D. COLLIER,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1890. 1466

### KUHN & CO.,

JAPANESE AND CHINESE FINE ART DEPOT.  
21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Hongkong, July 21, 1890. 1299

### THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$2,500,000.  
RESERVE FUND, \$1,250,000.

**Board of Directors:**  
Hon. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman.  
Hon. C. P. CHATER, Vice-Chairman.

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**THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

**MONEY ADVANCED ON MORTGAGE, on LAND or BUILDINGS; PROPERTIES PURCHASED AND SOLD.**

Estates managed, and all kinds of Agency and Commission Business relating to Land, &c., conducted.

Full Particulars can be obtained at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

**A SHELTON HOOPER,**  
Secretary.  
Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890. 844

### WINDSOR HOUSE, HONGKONG.

No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE, and FAMILY HOTEL.

This Establishment is situated in a most central position, opposite the Telegraph Office and two doors from the Chartered Bank. It offers FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION to RESIDENTS and TRAVELLERS, has a Spacious Dining Room, and a large number of well furnished BED-ROOMS with all comforts. A Good Table kept. TABLE D'HOTE—Breakfast, 8.30 a.m.; Dinner, 1.30 p.m.; Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

BOARD by the Month, Day, or Single Meals, at reasonable rates.

ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO SERVE MEALS IN GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERS. CONTINENTAL LANGUAGES SPOKEN.

**Mrs. BOHM,**  
Proprietress.  
Hongkong, August 30, 1890. 1683

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

### THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

**THE** Third Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, 9, Praya Central, on THURSDAY, the 11th September, 1890, at 4 p.m.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 11th September, 1890, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
**A. G. GORDON & Co., Ltd.,**  
Managers.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1890. 1547

### THE ITALIAN CONVENT.

**THE** SUPERIOR of the ITALIAN CONVENT will most thankfully receive from kind-hearted Residents any cast-off Clothes, Food or Medicine for the benefit of the many poor children under her charge.

Hongkong, September 9, 1890. 1583

### BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, HONGKONG.

Captain SAMUEL ASHTON—President.

### SPECIAL NOTICE.

**MEETINGS** of this Association will be held at the MARINE HOTEL, Praya West, EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 8.30 p.m.

**CHESNEY DUNCAN,**  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 16, 1890. 1466

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

**THE** Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, on SATURDAY, the 20th Inst., at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1890.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 20th September, both days inclusive.

**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 6, 1890. 1567

### NOTICE.

**A** Special General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, the 18th Instant, at the CITY HALL, at 4 o'clock p.m., to nominate a Member of the Chamber for election to the Legislative Council.

By Order,  
**F. HENDERSON,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, September 8, 1890. 1572

### HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

**SUMMER TIME TABLE.**  
(To take effect from 1st May.)

### WEEK DAYS.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.  
12 (noon) to 1 p.m. " " "  
1 p.m. to 2 p.m. " half hour.  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m. " quarter of an hour.

### THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS at 10.30 and 11 p.m.

### SUNDAYS.

CHURCH TRAMS at 10.40 a.m.  
12 (noon) to 2 p.m. every quarter of an hour.  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m. " " "  
9 p.m. to 10 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 11 p.m.

Special CARS may be obtained on application to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-Cent Coupons and Reduced Tickets at the Office.

**MAEWEEN FRICKEL & Co.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, April 20, 1890. 799

### THE HOTEL MARINA.

**THIS** STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS HOTEL, now under the Harbour of Victoria, offers guests exceptional advantages for healthfulness and Refreshing Breezes; the avoidance of street noises and unwholesome odours, &c.

Grand Promenade Deck, Airy Dining Room, Ladies' Parour, Billiard and Reading Rooms, Commodious Bedrooms, with separate Bath-room and Verandah to each. The TABLE D'HOTE is unexcelled.

The HOTEL LAUNCH runs regularly to and from Pedder's Wharf and the Hotel, Free of Charge—for Time Table see Bills.

**ANDREW FORSTER, Manager.**  
Hongkong, July 23, 1890. 1307

### DENTISTRY.

**FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.**

**MR. WONG TAI-FONG,**  
Surgeon Dentist.

(FORMERLY ANTIQUE APPRENTICE AND LATELY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)

**AT** the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS.

**REMOVED TO**  
18, D'AGUIAR STREET, behind HONGKONG CLUB.

**CONSULTATION FREE.**  
Hongkong, January 18, 1890. 122

### INSURANCES.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

**THE** Under-Signed, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

**NORTON & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, July 15, 1890. 1340

## Business Notices.

### LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

**FOR SALE.**

**NEW OFFICE SUNDRIES.**  
OFFICE CALL BELLS, GLASS PENRACKS, GLASS RULERS and INKSTANDS. Full-covered RUBBER COPYING BRUSHES. RESERVATOR COPYING BRUSHES.

Cedar-covered COLOURED CHALKS. AUTOMATIC POCKET PENCILS. EXCHANGE PENCILS with Re-fills. RUBBER BANDS, SEALING WAX. SCREW PAPER FASTENERS. LABEL DAMPERS.

A great variety of OFFICE INKSTANDS. The New DUST-PROOF EVER-LEVEL INKSTAND. LETTER and PARCEL-POST BALANCES. L. C. & Co.'s Celebrated OFFICE PENCILS. BLANKET, MAGNIFYING & CAMERON'S, GILBERT'S, MITCHELL'S & PERRY'S PENS, BALL-POINTED PENS, MORDAN'S 1st & 2nd quality COPYING PRESSES.

The usual Assortment of 1st Class OFFICE STATIONERY & BOOKS.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**  
Hongkong, September 2, 1890. 1551

### Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

**THIS** Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

**Messrs. DORAJEE & HING KEE,**  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

### MARINE HOTEL,

**THE** Under-Signed has to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, that THE MARINE HOTEL is NOW OPEN.

**THIS** FIRST-CLASS HOTEL is situated on the Praya West, opposite the Old P. & O. Wharf, and is newly built after the designs of the Largest European Hotels—the BEDROOMS, BATH-ROOMS, &c., are commodious, well ventilated and well furnished, and are suitable for Single or Married Persons. THE DINING ROOM is large and looks on the Harbour.

The TABLE D'HOTE will be supplied with the best the market can provide. The BAR and BILLIARD ROOMS are on the Ground Floor, and are fitted up in superior style. ENGLISH AND AMERICAN TABLES. WINES and LIQUORS of the best qualities and Brands only will be supplied. The Under-Signed therefore begs the patronage of the Public, hoping to give every satisfaction.

**JAS. EDWARDS, Proprietor.**  
Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1457

### NEW HATS.

**CHRISTY'S AND HEATH'S** BLACK, BROWN and GREY FELT HATS. DOUBLE and SINGLE TELA and OTHER SOFT FELTS.

**BEST ENGLISH-MADE STRAW HATS. LADIES' FELT HELMETS, and CALCUTTA PITH HATS, TWEED CAPS.**

**ROBERT LANG & Co.**  
Hongkong, July 28, 1890. 1824

### W. POWELL & Co.

**ARE NOW SHOWING**

**FIRST DELIVERIES OF NEW AUTUMN DRESS MATERIALS,**

OVER 300 PIECES TO SELECT FROM. PATTERNS FROM 15 CENTS PER YARD. Patterns Free by Post on application.

**W. POWELL & Co.**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, September 6, 1890. 1565

### For Sale.

**FOR SALE.**  
A SEMI-GRAND PIANO, by COLLARD & COLLARD. Made expressly for the climate. Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, April 29, 1890. 705

### FOR SALE.

**AT THE PEAK.**  
THE FALLS' on R. R. L. No. 23. A Well-built SIX-ROOMED HOUSE, at present let on Lease for one year. For full Particulars, apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd. Hongkong, November 12, 1889. 2153

### To Let.

**HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD. TO LET.**

**THAT** Suite of OFFICES on the First Floor of the Company's Premises in ICE HOUSE LANE, at present occupied by Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co., with entrance from Queen's Road. Possession from 1st March next.

Also, ONE GODOWN on the Ground Floor which can be let in connection with the above Office, or separately as desired. For Full Particulars, apply to the MANAGER at the Depot, or to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, January 27, 1890. 167

### To Let.

**THE UPPER FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 7, CAINE ROAD.** Possession from 1st October. Apply J. M. V. DE FIGUEIREDO, No. 5, CAINE ROAD. Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1558

### To Let.

**NO. 8, MORRISON HILL.** Entry, 1st June. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central. Hongkong, April 22, 1890. 752

### To Let.

**TWO FLOORS of HOUSE, No. 8 STANLEY STREET.** Apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, July 8, 1890. 1230

### To Let.

**A HOUSE in WEST TERRACE.** Immediate Entry. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central. Hongkong, May 3, 1890. 601

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION OF OIL PAINTINGS, DIAMOND JEWELLERY, MARBLE CLOCKS, &c.

**THE** Under-Signed has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY,

the 11th September, 1890, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, A VERY RARE COLLECTION OF OIL PAINTINGS,

by well-known ENGLISH PAINTERS; a portion of the same have been exhibited at the ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS in London.

Also, (To Close Consignment), A VALUABLE STOCK OF DIAMOND JEWELLERY, comprising RINGS, STUDS, PINNETS, EAR-DROPS, BROOCHES, BRACELETS, Etc., Etc.

20 HANDSOME MARBLE CLOCKS of different sizes, 3 and 14 Days. Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, and the above will be on view on Wednesday, the 10th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1556

### Notices to Consignees.

**FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.**

**THE** Steamship *Daphne*, Capt. G. Voss, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Under-Signed, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left our Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the

No Fire Insurance has been effected. SIEMSEN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, September 9, 1890. 1580

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

### COMPANIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

**FOR HAIPHONG (DIRECT.)**  
(Taking Cargo for TOBRANE & QUINSON.)  
The Co.'s Steamship *Changhaï*, Capt. FRAUD, will leave for the above Port shortly after the arrival of the next English Mail Steamer from Europe.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, September 9, 1890. 1581

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

**FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.**

The Co.'s Steamship *Changhaï*, Capt. FRAUD, will leave for the above Port shortly after the arrival of the next English Mail Steamer from Europe.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabin are situated forward of the Engines. Second-class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, August 28, 1890. 1521

### AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.**

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamer to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE, VENICE & ROME.

The Co.'s Steamship *Megaron*, Capt. WALDSEMIER, will be despatched as above on the 18th Instant, at Noon, taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and AFR



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be found to be a public gambling house. Mr. Wodehouse is perhaps in a measure right. It is not absolutely impossible to obtain convictions. But is it right that great obstacles should be placed in the way of the police by the legislators, whose aim ought to be to smooth their way? Although, within the last two years, it has been demonstrated scores of times that our gambling laws are absurdly relax, and we have almost become weary preaching on the subject, no effort has been made to alter them. Mr. Wodehouse says it is easy to make any alteration that may be required. Then, why was a change not made long ago? Is it to be wondered at that the Police, seeing the Government so utter-

tempting to put into force a law that seems to have been drafted for the special purpose of making gambling convictions as difficult to obtain as possible—of providing for them a sort of resultless gymnastic training. In the case decided yesterday the police acted just as their fellow-officers did in London with marked success some months ago; and had the law in Hongkong been as it is in England, conviction would have followed straight away. But more is required of them by our absurd ordinances than is required in London. In Hongkong common gaming is not prohibited. Any number of men, if they form themselves into a so-called club,

ble to their heart's content. The law cannot interfere. Only if any of the outside public are admitted does the play become public gambling. But how are the police to prove that anyone found gambling is not a member of the club or has not been introduced by a member of the club? If a prosecution is attempted, a long list of members, Ahons, Atika, Asams, &c., &c. is produced. Who is to say that the Ahon who has been caught at the table is not the Ahon in the list? By employing

procedure, as informers are among the worst blackleggers in the Colony—a conviction might be obtained, provided the informer is not bought over. But if a manager of a club is in any way careful, he need not be caught even by an informer. His clientele is so numerous that he is independent of dubious customers. And, even if the case came before the Court, what reliance could be placed on an informer's evidence? Who is to say that he is not a member of the very club he denounces and has informed because the manager would not sufficiently 'insult' him? Whatever Mr Wodehouse may say, others will say nothing.

that our gambling laws are utterly bad—so bad as to justify the police in giving up the business altogether. The last attempt at 'amending' the law was such an utter failure, that an Oriental disposed to judge rulers as he judges his own would be justified in coming to the conclusion that—to combine the French and Spanish expressions—both the hands and the feet of the Executive were anointed and greased by the gambling masters. In Singapore the laws against gambling are very strict, as they ought to be in every Colony where the Asiatic element predominates. Yet in Hongkong far greater latitude is allowed than in England. The evil consequences that follow from unrestrained gambling do not need to be pointed out. They have been only too evident during the last sixteen

months. It may be that the Chinese are not the only delinquents. Mr Caldwell, in defending his clients, said there was no difference between an institution of this kind (institution is a fine euphemistic word for a gambling club) and certain clubs of a similar character in Hongkong which were frequented by Eu-

not advocate any law for the Chinese and one law for the Europeans. If the Hongkong Club were turned into a gambling 'institution' pure and simple, run by a professional gambling master, by all means let it be 'burest' as well as the Chinese clubs. If the Government will not go farther, they ought at least to make the law here as stringent as it is in England, where not only public but common gaming is prohibited. It is hard to think that the

some evidence of an honest desire to deal with a crying evil; and if the law were impartially administered there could be no accusation of class legislation.

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**TELEGRAMS.**

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Via Foulton Line).

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**DESOLATING FIRE IN TURKEY.**  
A destructive fire has occurred in Sub-

been completely destroyed. Twelve thousand persons have been rendered homeless; two hundred and fifty acres laid waste; consulates, mosques, churches, hospitals and archives of great value destroyed. [Salonica is, next to Constantinople, the largestemporium of commerce in the Turkish empire. It has a population of about 80,000, consisting chiefly of Turks, Greeks and Jews in almost equal numbers.—Ed. C. M.]

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THE Tatarian arrived in Singapore on the 2nd instant from Yedda, with the vessel on board of which 740 pilgrims, of whom 163 landed at Penang. The balance came on to Singapore in the Tatarian, which on arrival was boarded by the health officer, who ascertained that, on the passage, sixteen pilgrims and three sailors had died of cholera, and 171 had







